

**Minutes of General Meeting FRVPL
Friday, January 8 2015**

Attending:

Ed TePas
Pat Sobrero
Carol Borden
Gus Evans
Josh Bennett
Michael Mills

Meeting was called to order at 5:02 pm.

December minutes were approved.

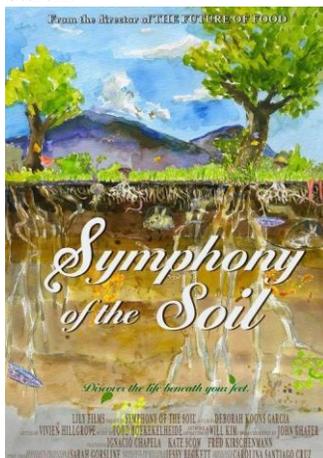
Seed library, Sustainability Film: Pat

December's Sustainability Film was *All the Time in the World*, about a family that lived 9 months off grid in the Yukon wilderness. Thirty-three people attended the screening, and we collected \$131 in donations. The public performance rights cost \$100, postage was about \$4.00, so we covered costs and were able to put a little toward our next film. *All the Time in the World* was very well received.

Tonight's film is *Inhabit, A Permaculture Perspective*. It showcases permaculture projects and demonstrates how we can use permaculture solutions for issues related to not only agriculture, but also economics and governance.

In February, we will show *Symphony of the Soil*, by Deborah Koons Garcia of Mill Valley.

Symphony of the Soil is a 104-minute documentary feature film that explores the complexity and mystery of soil. Filmed on four continents and sharing the voices of some of the world's most esteemed soil scientists, farmers and activists, the film portrays soil as the protagonist of our planetary story. The film shows that soil is a complex living organism, the foundation of life on earth.



Ms. Koons Garcia's current project is a film about the Agrarian Elders and will feature Steve and Gloria Decater and other rock stars of the sustainable food movement, and is a film I hope we can show here in the future.

We have our first Seed Library work party scheduled from 10 am to 2 pm on Saturday, January 23rd. We need to go through our current inventory, discard expired seed, add new seed donations to the catalog, make and fold brochures, and make sure we have extra copies of popular calendars and seed saving resources. We'll probably have to schedule at least one more work party this winter to make sure we're ready for the coming season. We'll have a poster and advertise for volunteers on the radio and facebook, as well as send an email out to folks on the Seed Library MailChimp announcement list. Please consider joining us for this and future events, no special skills are necessary!

Radio: Lew, via email:

“I won't be at the Friends meeting Friday. I will be broadcasting the varsity basketball games starting at 5:30. KYBU had a very successful fundraising/membership and volunteers' appreciation party in December, netting about \$3,300. We also completed a grant application to Mendocino Community Foundation for additional equipment.”

Librarian's report: Josh:

Early this past month, Library staff devoted time to shifting books in the adult non-fiction and adult fiction sections to make room for new books and distribute our collection more evenly over a great area. By doing this, we brought a few dozen books down off the top shelf so they are easier to reach.

With funds from FRVPL, we recently purchased around three dozen **Cook books** for our collection. Many have been checked out over the last week, and many more are on display now at our branch. Included in our purchase were two popular titles by Yotam Ottolenghi: *Jerusalem, A Cookbook*,



Plenty More, and *Ottolenghi* (pictured).

In December, between December 22nd and December 26th, we offered **Fee amnesty** for any Library book or movie that was overdue. This was a county-wide amnesty period.



Our new, glass-enclosed **bulletin board** was installed this month by Friends of the RVPL Michael Mills and Lew Chichester. Thank you! This new fixture is on the corner of Howard and Main streets and is visible to passing cars. We love the way it looks: tidier looking than your average bulletin board. This space will be reserved for Library and Friends promotional materials. For other flyers and posters, the bulletin board on the Commons patio remains available.

Guidelines for use of Library Bulletin Board, at Howard and Main streets:

Use of the glass-fronted bulletin board is reserved for the Round Valley Public Library (RVPL) and the Friends of the Round Valley Public Library (FRVPL). To post, ask for a key at the circulation desk in the library. Please write an expiration date on the front of the poster, if it is not obvious.

RVPL posting are limited to:

- Library posters for events, activities, movies and presentations.
- Small library-related displays.
- Seed Library activities and events.
- County government events/presentations.

FRVPL postings are limited to:

- FRVPL posters for events, fundraisers, and presentations, newsletters and general info.
- Commons facility-related information
- Arts Committee info and small art displays.
- KYBU posters for events and fundraisers
- Farmers Market event posters.

Grant for art supplies: Adult coloring books have become increasingly popular. Right now, six of Amazon's top dozen selling books are coloring books for adults. Libraries around the country are adding coloring to their programming. We applied to Art4Moore, a San Francisco-based foundation, requesting \$350 to purchase artist-quality colored pencils and pens, plus coloring books to accommodate a wide range of ages and interests. They responded by granting us \$1000, enough for this program plus another to bring more art to our community.

Game Day: on January 2nd was a success, even coming on the tail of the holidays. 15 patrons attended and played a variety of games, including Forbidden Island, Cards against Humanity, Settlers of Catan, and chess. We have another game day scheduled for the first Saturday in February, at 1:00 pm.

Upcoming:

Sustainability Film Series: *Inhabit, a Permaculture Perspective* will screen on Friday 1/8. Last month's film, *All the Time in the World* was well-attended and well-received.

Volunteer Coffee: All Library volunteers are invited to the Library on 1/15 for volunteer news and a breakfast treat. Meeting starts at 9:30 am.

Poetry Reading: Join us at 7 pm on January 15th for a poetry reading. Read an original poem or a favorite written by someone else—or just relax among friends and listen while others read.

Star Wars: We'll be showing *Star Wars: A New Hope*. This is the original Star Wars movie, released in 1977. There has been a resurgence of interest in the series with the release of the latest

film, and we'd like to bring new folks to the library with the showing of this film. We'll be showing *A New Hope* at 2 pm.

Music Documentary: Short Films by Les Blank will screen at 7 pm on Friday, January 22nd.

Seed Library work party: It is time to get the seed library up and running for the new season. Pat will be coordinating this work party where we will clean out older seed and add new seed to the catalog, as well as prepare new envelopes, flyers etc. We've scheduled the work party for between 10 am and 2 pm on Saturday, January 23rd.

Open house: Library staff will meet visitors in the media room on Saturday, Feb 6th at 11:00 am to answer question about Breakfast Club training program which starts in February.

Breakfast club starts on February 13th This is a program to get teens involved in volunteering at the library. There will be four training sessions of 1½ hours on three successive Saturdays at 11am. Once those sessions are completed, volunteers will get a small stipend to volunteer further.

Free Comic Book Day: Graphic novels are popular among patrons of all ages. They are popular even with many reluctant readers, as the pictures provide context for the print. This year, we plan to participate in a nation-wide promotion of the genre by giving away free comic books on Saturday, May 7th. We've reached out to Diamond Comics, which promotes the event, and will be reaching out to many other publishers of both comics and graphic novels to build our collection.

Miscellaneous:

Lee Marder, the janitor for the county library and the commons, will be moving from Covelo. He will continue to do Covelo jobs until he finds employment in Ukiah.

The Willits library has said it would take donations of any and all books for their book sales. This would be a good opportunity to find homes for the many boxes of orphan books we are storing. Anyone going to Willits is invited to grab some and take them down there. Inquire at the circulation desk for access.

Meeting adjourned 5:38pm

Next meeting: February 5, 2015

Submitted by Carol Borden, secretary, FRVPL